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DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the projects/proposals for development of tourism in Andaman and Nicobar Islands are pending for approval with the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the delay;

(c) the time by which these are likely to be approved; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to develop and promote Andaman and Nicobar beaches and other beaches in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (d): Development and promotion of places of tourist interest including beaches is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations themselves. However, the Ministry of Tourism provides central financial assistance on the basis of project proposals received from them as per guidelines under the following schemes:

1) Product/Infrastructure development of tourist destinations/circuits 2) Large Revenue Generating projects 3) Fairs/festivals/events 4) Information Technology projects

The project proposals received from Andaman and Nicobar during the current financial year were not complete as per guidelines and hence were not sanctioned.
Two projects worth Rs.992.76 lakh have been sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism during 2007-08 for the development of infrastructure at beaches. The Ministry of Tourism also promotes and publicises all places of tourist interest in India including Andaman & Nicobar Islands through the electronic, internet & print media, the Indiatourism Offices in India and abroad and through its website www.incredibleindia.org.